

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is very likely an unlawful in-kind political contribution, as well as a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. In attempting to skew the terms of public debate, as the company has done repeatedly, Sinclair is hardly serving that interest. That is especially true, because consolidation of the media airwaves has put inordinate power into the hands of a small number of companies.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.